

## Prices Received by Farmers

The October 2015 average price received by farmers for **corn** in Wisconsin was \$3.57 per bushel. This is down \$0.01 from the September price and \$0.15 less than October 2014.

The October **soybean** price, at \$8.56 per bushel, is down \$0.06 from September and \$1.54 below the previous October.

The October **oat** price was \$1.82 per bushel, down \$0.09 from the September price and \$1.77 below October 2014.

**All hay** prices in Wisconsin averaged \$85.00 per ton in October, down \$6.00 from September and \$61.00 less than October 2014. The **alfalfa hay** price averaged \$98.00 per ton in October, \$2.00 below September and \$61.00 below the previous October. The **other hay** price averaged \$57.00, down \$7.00 from September and \$33.00 below last year.

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<u>WISCONSIN</u>		October 2014	September 2015	October 2015
		Dollars		
Corn	bu	3.72	3.58	3.57
Hay, all baled	ton	146.00	91.00	85.00
Alfalfa	ton	159.00	100.00	98.00
Other	ton	90.00	64.00	57.00
Oats	bu	3.59	1.91	1.82
Potatoes, all <sup>1</sup>	cwt	8.95	9.00	8.40
Fresh <sup>2</sup>	cwt	9.20	9.50	8.90
Processing	cwt	8.60	8.55	8.05
Soybeans	bu	10.10	8.62	8.56
Milk, all	cwt	26.10	17.90	17.60
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		October 2014	September 2015	October 2015
		Dollars		
Corn	bu	3.57	3.68	3.67
Hay, all baled	ton	171.00	145.00	146.00
Alfalfa	ton	193.00	157.00	156.00
Other	ton	128.00	119.00	124.00
Oats	bu	3.16	2.03	2.20
Potatoes, all <sup>1</sup>	cwt	7.30	7.45	7.23
Fresh <sup>2</sup>	cwt	8.97	8.44	8.70
Processing	cwt	6.88	7.15	6.85
Soybeans	bu	9.97	9.05	8.81
Milk, all	cwt	24.90	17.50	17.70
Calves	cwt	307.00	241.00	234.00
Cattle, all beef	cwt	161.00	139.00	128.00
Cows <sup>3</sup>	cwt	116.00	104.00	89.50
Steers & Heifers	cwt	163.00	140.00	129.00
Hogs, all	cwt	77.00	54.50	55.50
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	77.40	54.90	55.40
Sows	cwt	66.40	45.20	57.40
Eggs (market)	doz	0.935	1.80	1.26

1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 2/ Fresh market prices only. Includes table stock prices. 3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

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County Agricultural Production Survey  
Layer & Egg Report  
Prices Received Report

## October Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.60 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in October 2015. This was 30 cents lower than last month and \$8.50 lower than last October's price.

The U.S. milk price for October was \$17.70 per cwt, 10 cents higher than Wisconsin's price and 20 cents higher than the September U.S. price. Four of the 23 major milk producing states had a decrease in price from September to October, 17 had an increase, and 2 had no change in price. New York and Vermont had the largest price increases. Both states were up 60 cents from September to October.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.5675 per pound on November 30, while barrels were \$1.5400 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.9000 per pound.

For the week ending November 21, 2015, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.6639 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6154 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.8880 per pound.

### Milk Prices<sup>1</sup>

Selected states	October 2014		September 2015		October 2015	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
CA	22.93	3.74	15.72	3.68	16.13	3.76
ID	24.20	3.80	16.90	3.78	17.10	3.84
MI	24.30	3.74	17.20	3.60	17.30	3.70
MN	26.50	3.96	17.80	3.81	17.70	3.96
NM	23.50	3.65	16.60	3.45	16.60	3.58
NY	25.60	3.81	18.60	3.70	19.20	3.85
PA	26.30	3.78	18.90	3.67	19.40	3.82
TX	25.60	3.88	18.20	3.79	18.40	3.92
<b>WI</b>	<b>26.10</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>17.60</b>	<b>3.80</b>
US	24.90	3.79	17.50	3.69	17.70	3.80

1/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

## Oats County Estimates

In 2015, Langlade County was the largest oat-producing county in Wisconsin at 978,000 bushels. Manitowoc was the second largest producing county with 904,000 bushels, closely followed by Marathon, with 903,000.

Favorable conditions across the State resulted in higher yields for all districts in 2015, with only a few counties reporting lower yields than 2014. Richland had the largest decrease of 7.1 bushels. Grant and Dunn were the only other counties reporting decreases, at 1.4 and 0.6 bushels per acre, respectively.

The highest yielding county was Washington with a yield of 99.0, which is 17.1 bushels per acre above the high in 2014. Dodge and Langlade counties were the second and third highest yielding counties, both reporting yields over 90 bushels per acre. Portage County had the greatest increase in yield from 2014, at 25.8 bushels. Burnett had the second largest increase of 24.3 bushels. Eleven other counties had increases in yield of 15 bushels or more from the previous year.

## Winter Wheat County Estimates

Dane County remains the largest winter wheat producing county in Wisconsin with 1.16 million bushels produced. Dodge and Manitowoc were second and third in 2015 production.

East Central Wisconsin was the largest winter wheat producing district, with 5.33 million bushels produced. The highest yielding county was Ozaukee County with a yield of 85.3 bushels per acre. Sheboygan and Racine Counties had the next two highest yields. Marquette County had the lowest yield at 48.7 bushels per acre.

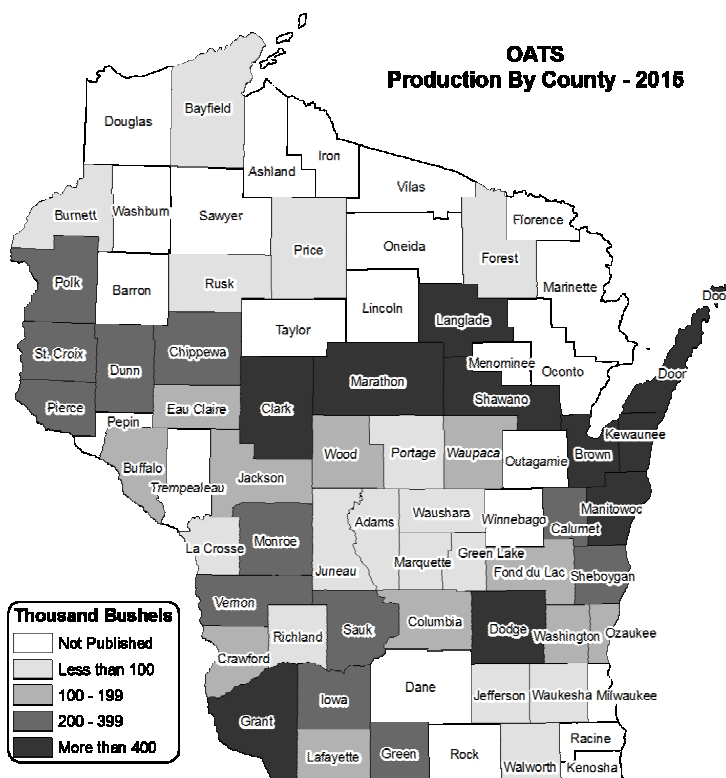
Adams and Iowa were the counties with the greatest drop in yield from the previous year, with decreases of 9.8 and 5.3 bushels per acre, respectively. The largest increases in yield came in Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties with increases of 21.8 and 21.1 bushels per acre, respectively.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production, By County, Wisconsin, 2015 1/**

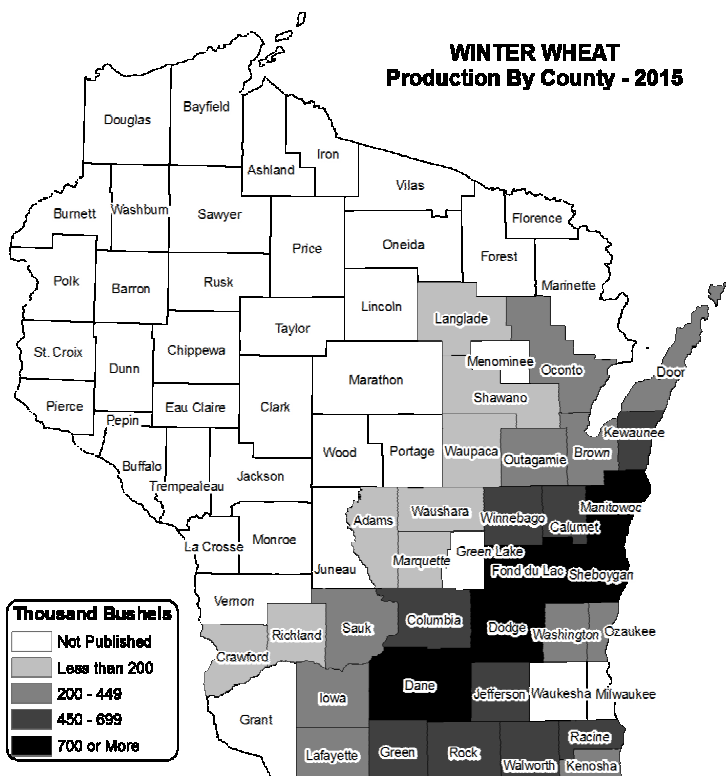
County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production	County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
Acres		Bushels		Acres		Bushels		Acres	
Bayfield	1,000	980	60.5	59,300	Brown	8,000	6,880	79.1	544,000
Burnett	1,700	730	78.9	57,600	Calumet	3,600	2,390	84.1	201,000
Chippewa	6,300	3,520	65.9	232,000	Door	8,800	8,580	73.3	629,000
Polk	3,500	2,810	76.2	214,000	Fond Du Lac	3,700	2,260	79.2	179,000
Rusk	2,300	1,370	54.9	75,200	Kewaunee	9,900	6,150	81.6	502,000
Other Counties	7,400	5,090	62.1	315,900	Manitowoc	11,700	10,500	86.1	904,000
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>954,000</b>	Sheboygan	3,400	3,300	87.6	289,000
Clark	9,200	7,770	70.9	551,000	Other Counties	5,800	2,840	75.4	214,000
Marathon	14,300	12,700	71.1	903,000	<b>East Central</b>	<b>54,900</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>3,462,000</b>
Price	900	770	65.6	50,500	Crawford	4,200	3,080	61.4	189,000
Other Counties	11,000	7,660	60	459,500	Grant	14,300	7,080	74.3	526,000
<b>North Central</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,964,000</b>	Iowa	5,900	3,620	71.5	259,000
Forest	500	360	71.4	25,700	Lafayette	5,500	1,380	75.4	104,000
Langlade	11,200	10,800	90.6	978,000	Richland	3,700	1,680	53	89,000
Shawano	7,700	7,190	73.9	531,000	Sauk	5,300	3,610	65.9	238,000
Other Counties	10,000	6,950	72.8	506,300	Vernon	6,800	3,450	71.9	248,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>29,400</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>2,041,000</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>45,700</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>1,653,000</b>
Buffalo	6,000	3,530	53	187,000	Columbia	2,700	1,800	79.4	143,000
Dunn	6,400	5,340	51.3	274,000	Dodge	5,300	4,540	90.7	412,000
Eau Claire	4,100	2,530	56.1	142,000	Green	5,500	3,680	76.1	280,000
Jackson	4,800	2,870	63.8	183,000	Jefferson	1,700	900	73	65,700
La Crosse	2,100	620	65.8	40,800	Other Counties	5,100	2,680	60.6	162,300
Monroe	4,300	3,220	68.3	220,000	<b>South Central</b>	<b>20,300</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>1,063,000</b>
Pierce	5,000	4,150	70.4	292,000	Ozaukee	1,400	1,270	80.3	102,000
St. Croix	6,900	5,260	63.7	335,000	Walworth	900	370	85.9	31,800
Other Counties	6,700	4,580	55.1	252,200	Washington	2,400	1,960	99	194,000
<b>West Central</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,926,000</b>	Waukesha	600	540	85.7	46,300
Adams	1,300	190	55.8	10,600	Other Counties	700	360	63.6	22,900
Green Lake	1,400	1,210	67	81,100	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>397,000</b>
Juneau	2,500	740	65.1	48,200	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>195,000</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>14,040,000</b>
Marquette	800	590	56.3	33,200					
Portage	5,200	960	67	64,300					
Waupaca	3,400	2,820	66	186,000					
Waushara	1,200	600	51	30,600					
Wood	4,000	2,190	57.5	126,000					
<b>Central</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>9,300</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>580,000</b>					

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Production By County - 2015**



**WINTER WHEAT  
Production By County - 2015**



**WINTER WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production,  
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County and District	Planted	Harvested	Yield per acre	Production
	Acres		Bushels	
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>5,090</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>242,000</b>
Langlade	2,200	2,070	66.7	138,000
Oconto	3,400	3,050	66.6	203,000
Shawano	3,100	2,650	55.1	146,000
Other Counties	2,200	2,130	63.8	136,000
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>623,000</b>
Adams	900	800	54.1	43,300
Marquette	1,200	1,170	48.7	57,000
Waupaca	2,300	2,200	55.5	122,000
Wausara	1,200	1,130	60.5	68,400
Other Counties	17,100	6,900	71.2	491,300
<b>Central</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>782,000</b>
Brown	5,600	5,260	74.3	391,000
Calumet	7,000	6,350	80.6	512,000
Door	6,500	6,270	69.7	437,000
Fond Du Lac	10,800	10,600	79.4	842,000
Kewaunee	6,600	6,000	78.2	469,000
Manitowoc	12,700	12,100	79.3	960,000
Outagamie	4,500	4,200	76.2	320,000
Sheboygan	8,800	8,720	83	724,000
Winnebago	9,700	9,500	71.2	676,000
<b>East Central</b>	<b>72,200</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>5,331,000</b>
Crawford	800	750	64.8	48,600
Iowa	4,200	4,000	69.5	278,000
Lafayette	3,400	3,300	72.7	240,000
Richland	1,700	1,300	58.1	75,500
Sauk	5,300	5,150	68.9	355,000
Other Counties	5,600	5,100	70.4	358,900
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>1,356,000</b>
Columbia	8,000	7,600	78.9	600,000
Dane	14,900	14,500	79.7	1,155,000
Dodge	13,400	12,800	77	985,000
Green	7,100	6,750	75.7	511,000
Jefferson	6,900	6,700	74.5	499,000
Rock	8,400	8,150	78.7	641,000
<b>South Central</b>	<b>58,700</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>4,391,000</b>
Kenosha	4,700	4,400	79.8	351,000
Ozaukee	3,900	3,800	85.3	324,000
Racine	7,200	7,100	81.8	581,000
Walworth	6,700	6,600	78.8	520,000
Washington	4,400	4,350	80.5	350,000
Other Counties	3,000	2,950	78.3	231,000
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>29,900</b>	<b>29,200</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>2,357,000</b>
Other Districts	9,300	8,510	53.8	458,000
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>15,540,000</b>

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## Layers & Eggs

**Wisconsin Egg production during October 2015** was 122 million eggs, up 10 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from last year. The average number of **all layers on hand during October 2015** was 5.04 million, up 6 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of October were 2,419, up 4 percent from last month, and up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.79 billion during October 2015, down 9 percent from last year. Production included 6.66 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 82 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2015 averaged 336 million, down 7 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,317 eggs, down 2 percent from October 2014.

All layers in the United States on November 1, 2015 totaled 337 million, down 7 percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2015, averaged 75.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 2 percent from November 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during October 2015 totaled 50.0 million, up 12 percent from October 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 47.4 million on November 1, 2015, up 25 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 330 thousand during October 2015, down 11 percent from October 2014. Broiler-type chicks hatched during October 2015 totaled 755 million, down 1 percent from October 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 608 million on November 1, 2015, down 1 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2015, up slightly from October 2014.

**Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During October 2014 and 2015**

State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 layers				Eggs		Million eggs			
Alabama	1,467	1,560	9,074	9,704	2,006	1,999	182	194	38	41
Arkansas	3,717	3,657	12,317	12,987	2,070	2,010	255	261	89	90
California	15,033	13,195	15,449	13,709	2,408	2,320	372	318	(D)	(D)
Colorado	4,281	4,224	4,654	4,713	2,535	2,461	118	116	(D)	(D)
Connecticut <sup>1</sup>	2,210	(NA)	2,304	(NA)	2,431	(NA)	56	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Florida	8,328	8,728	8,718	9,126	2,363	2,202	206	201	201	196
Georgia	9,609	9,921	18,328	18,871	2,215	2,210	406	417	235	239
Illinois	4,411	4,577	4,897	5,048	2,532	2,536	124	128	119	123
Indiana	26,226	28,258	27,120	29,247	2,389	2,431	648	711	631	691
Iowa	58,522	33,367	59,677	34,481	2,385	2,184	1,423	753	1,406	739
Maine <sup>1</sup>	3,505	(NA)	3,560	(NA)	2,331	(NA)	83	(NA)	(D)	(NA)
Maryland	2,564	2,239	2,730	2,412	2,454	2,488	67	60	66	58
Michigan	12,888	12,650	13,103	12,868	2,503	2,580	328	332	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	10,814	8,844	11,270	9,302	2,360	2,376	266	221	259	214
Mississippi	1,429	1,524	5,403	5,688	2,036	2,057	110	117	34	36
Missouri	6,460	6,458	8,700	8,671	2,379	2,364	207	205	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,371	5,828	9,479	5,936	2,606	2,460	247	146	247	146
New York	4,676	5,072	5,025	5,426	2,567	2,506	129	136	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	6,283	6,829	13,821	14,438	2,120	2,147	293	310	152	164
Ohio	30,328	31,035	31,197	31,885	2,391	2,418	746	771	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,129	2,257	2,268	2,396	2,690	2,588	61	62	61	62
Pennsylvania	23,849	23,741	25,750	25,744	2,559	2,513	659	647	632	619
South Carolina	2,952	3,198	4,175	4,436	2,323	2,299	97	102	75	78
South Dakota	2,328	1,400	2,470	1,542	2,551	2,335	63	36	63	36
Texas	15,081	15,728	19,112	19,658	2,224	2,172	425	427	(D)	(D)
Utah	4,495	4,454	4,533	4,492	2,471	2,248	112	101	112	101
Virginia	1,276	1,253	3,037	2,946	2,239	2,342	68	69	36	38
Washington	6,797	6,985	6,963	7,150	2,427	2,503	169	179	(D)	(D)
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>5,044</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>116</b>
Other States <sup>2</sup>	12,864	19,095	21,679	28,198	2,223	2,291	482	646	348	507
United States <sup>3</sup>	298,337	270,344	362,034	336,118	2,355	2,317	8,526	7,788	7,433	6,660

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1 Included in Other States in 2015. 2 Includes data for states not published in this table. 3 Data may not add to totals due to rounding.



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